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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN MFA ADDRESSES PIRACY AND SOMALIA

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1.(C) Key Points: -- The Government of Egypt (GoE) generally supports the concept of "participation" in the Contact Group on Piracy off the Cos

1.He will convey the USG request to prosecute the pirates, but said the decision will be made at more senior levels in the government, such as

2.(C) Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for East African Affairs Marzouk, said on August 20 that the Government of Egypt (GoE) generally suppor

3.(C) Marzouk brimmed with pride when we mentioned the self-rescue by the fisherman of the Samarah Ahmed and Momtaz

[1](#)1. He said the fisherman had "nothing to lose" because the GoE refused to pay a ransom to the pirates, and had discouraged the ship owners fr

4.(C) Marzouk represented Egypt at the Somalia Donors Conference in Brussels in April 2009. He said the GoE had not pledged any money, but had